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1. Preparations are under way in Czechoslovakia for the reform of the Military Service Law. The youth will be called up at the age of 19, (hitherto the call-up age was 20 or 21 years). Thus the numerical strength of the Czechoslovak Army will increase by one class and a half.
2. To maintain the increase of the Army for the next two years, the Czechs are introducing a preparatory year of para-military service, for all those who have reached the age of eighteen. Under the new law, all eighteen-year-olds will have to register for military service; they will be under medical observation and undergo special training in the Union for Cooperation with the Army. They will receive elementary military training, and will be taught theoretical military subjects. This approach is explained by the acute need for labor in Czechoslovakia, which does not allow the extension of military service to three years.
3. Czechoslovakia follows a military development similar to that of Poland. Two motorized divisions are now being reorganized into mechanized divisions (armored divisions). Antiaircraft defense is being considerably developed, especially in Prague where at least fifteen new antiaircraft gun sites are being constructed. Each site harbors a battery of three to four AA guns; judging by the speed of the work, all of them will be ready by the end of June.

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